

# Cheating and Plagiarism

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## Cheating

- Unauthorized assistance in academic assignments of any kind
  - How do students know what sorts of assistance are authorized, and which are not?
    - Syllabus statement about ethics and academic integrity: see <http://www.fctl.ucf.edu/syllabus/statements.htm#ethics>

## Ethics statement

As reflected in the UCF creed, integrity and scholarship are core values that should guide our conduct and decisions as members of the UCF community. Plagiarism and cheating contradict these values, and so are very serious academic offenses. Penalties can include a failing grade in an assignment or in the course, or suspension or expulsion from the university. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with and follow the University's Rules of Conduct

## Plagiarism

- Appropriating the work of others and claiming either implicitly or explicitly that it is one's own
  - Intentional
  - Accidental
    - Lack of knowledge about proper use of sources
    - Lack of knowledge about the nature of Internet resources

## UCF's Golden Rule and Creed

- The Golden Rule – see [http://www.goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/2e\\_Rules.html](http://www.goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/2e_Rules.html)
- The UCF Creed – see <http://www.admissions.sdes.ucf.edu/about.asp?FirstSub=creed>

## UCF Creed

- **Integrity**  
I will practice and defend academic and personal honesty.
- **Scholarship**  
I will cherish and honor learning as a fundamental purpose of my membership in the UCF community.
- **Community**  
I will promote an open and supportive campus environment by respecting the rights and contributions of every individual.
- **Creativity**  
I will use my talents to enrich the human experience.
- **Excellence**  
I will strive toward the highest standards of performance in any endeavor I undertake.

## What might students think?

- Identity Theft and Plagiarism:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gC2ew6qLa8U>
- An excerpt of a 2003 episode of the soap opera, *All My Children*:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irBj1-dulcU>

## What do you think?

- Which student is responsible?
  - Do you know what to do now?
  - How do you proceed given UCF's policies?
  - Do you know where to go?
  - Do you know where to get information?
  - Do you know your options?
- The answers are coming your way:
  - Patricia MacKown, Assistant Vice President for Campus Life, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities/Office of Student Conduct